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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of Meeting held in Room 1128 M Building

5 March 1954 at 10:00 a.m.

Present

Mr. Sidney Buford, State Dept.
Mr. George Pope, State Dept.
Major Russell Jones, G-2
Captain Frank Acker, ONI
Major Howard G. Neumann, AF
Captain Robert C. Laidlaw, AF
Commander R. M. Niles, JCS

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Chairman

Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The Minutes of the meetings of February 12, 19 and 26, 1954 (FLP-M-4) were approved.

Procurement of Chinese Communist Publications (FLP-D-5)

2. Action: Agreed that before it was feasible to advise
[REDACTED] regarding the utility of establishing a

Chinese language publications, it is important to explore fully
the possibility of working out arrangements with [REDACTED]

explore publications procurement possibilities. Major Neumann
undertook to investigate this further and to arrange if possible for
the committee to meet with Colonel Cook for examination of the
problem.

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3. Action: Agreed also that it would be extremely useful to have FLP-D-5 amplified by information which [REDACTED] had obtained [REDACTED] that this document served a very useful purpose in that it sharply defined what is being done in this field and that it would be helpful to bring it up to date periodically, possibly on a semi-annual basis.

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Review of Exploitation on
Chinese and Russian (Non-Scientific)
Publications (FLP-D-6)

4. Action: Requested the Exploitation Subcommittee to consider the preparation of two reports analogous to FLP-D-5 which would show respectively precisely what organizations are exploiting what materials in these two language fields.

FDD Biographic
Services

5. It was reported FDD, by agreement with Biographic Division of the State Department, is preparing biographic abstracts on 4x6 hecto masters, the material being drawn from the Soviet central and provincial press. These masters, after being checked by BI, State, for accuracy of names and with an indication of appropriate category code are forwarded by BI to CIA for reproduction and dissemination to FDD, BR, OCI, DDP, G-2, A-2 and BI.

6. It was reported by the State Department that this arrangement reduces its expenditure of time in covering the Soviet press and that close working relations are being maintained between State and FDD/CIA in order that the two offices will complement each other's efforts.

Biographic Material
on Scientific Authors

7. [REDACTED] in cooperation with FDD and the Scientific office of CIA, undertook to investigate the current service being provided by the Library of Congress regarding scientific authors, in order to ascertain whether this service is proving useful in the field of scientific biographic data and whether it would be feasible and useful to extend this service to include economic and political officers for biographic data purposes.

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Terms of Reference
for Subcommittees

8. Action: Agreed that detailed terms of reference for subcommittees are unnecessary at this time and accordingly the proposed terms of reference for the Reference Subcommittee were not approved.

Next Meeting

9. The Chairman indicated that he felt the meetings of the last month in the preparation of the Annual Progress Report to the IAC, the discussion of the interim report on Exploitation of Non-Scientific USSR Publications and the discussion of Chinese publications procurement had been extremely worthwhile. He suggested that the next meeting deal with a discussion with Colonel Cook of the Air Force if possible, and that each member of the subcommittee should feel free to suggest convening the committee on problems which they considered appropriate for the FLP.

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